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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application: HOFFMAN, ET AL.

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For: GASTRIN RECEPTOR-AVID PEPTIDE CONJUGATES

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: JONES, Dameron Levest

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are Declarations for filing with regard to the above-captioned application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-6, 8-13, 15-36, 38-45, and 47-61 are currently pending in the application. Claim 3, 15, 38, and 53 are in independent form.

The claims are in condition for allowance. The Declarations enclosed herewith provide support that a dissertation by Ning Li was not a publication of the information contained in the dissertation and thus is not prior art.

Applicants respectfully request that the Declarations be entered.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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